

Here are some important things to know about surfing, privacy and your personal information:

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Websites must get your parent's permission before they collect many kinds of information from you.

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If a website has information about you that you and your parents don't want it to have, your parents can ask to see the information—and they can ask the website to delete or erase the information.

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Sites are not supposed to collect more information than they need about you for the activity you want to participate in. You should be able to participate in many activities online without having to give any information about yourself.

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If a site makes you uncomfortable or asks for more information than you want to share—leave the site.

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Never give out your last or family name, your home address or your phone number in chat rooms, on bulletin boards or to online pen pals.

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Don't tell other kids your screen name, user ID or password.

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Look at a website's Privacy Policy to see how the site uses the information you give.

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Surf the Internet with your parents. If they aren't available, talk to them about the sites you're visiting.

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Talk about the site's Privacy Policy with your parents so that you and your parents will know what information the site collects about you and what it does with the information.

## How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online Tips for Families

Starting April 21, 2000, a new law puts you and your parents in charge of your personal identifying information—if you are under 13. Websites that ask for certain information about kids under 13 have to get their parents permission to get the information. This means that you and your parents can talk about the information the website collects and decide together if it is information you want to give.

Why is this law important? Because it can stop website operators who might misuse information they collect from kids like you. This law protects you by asking your parents to give websites their permission to collect information from you. Now you and your parents will know what information is being collected and how it will be used.

Surf the Net! Have fun. Learn a lot. Stay safe.

### Working together to protect children online



#### Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

• April 21, 2000—COPPA legislation protects children's privacy online. Websites must obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children.

• [www.ftc.gov/kidzprivacy](http://www.ftc.gov/kidzprivacy)



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